

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 700

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A RESOLUTION relative to the facilities in the Tennessee State Capitol.

WHEREAS, a masterpiece of Greek Revival architecture, the Tennessee State Capitol was completed in 1859 and is one of the oldest working capitols in the United States; and

WHEREAS, while our graceful State Capitol is a source of great pride for the members of this General Assembly and indeed all Tennesseans from an aesthetic and historical perspective, some of the State Capitol's facilities are inadequate when measured by contemporary standards; and

WHEREAS, in particular, the facilities in the women's restroom on the second floor of the State Capitol, which were installed at a time when women were but infrequent visitors, are woefully inadequate by today's standards; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, when 22 outstanding women are serving their fellow citizens as legislators and there are many other female staff members and female participants in the legislative process, it is imperative that this social inequity be rectified; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the facilities currently used as the men's restroom on the second floor of the Tennessee State Capitol shall instead serve as the women's restroom, and the facilities currently used as the women's restroom on the second floor of the Tennessee State Capitol shall instead serve as the men's restroom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the legislative intent that such transfer of the men's and women's restroom facilities on the second floor of the Tennessee State Capitol be accomplished utilizing the least feasible amount of legislative resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Facility Administrator for the General Assembly shall effect such transfer and ensure that such facilities are available for their respective new uses no later than Tuesday, January 8, 2008, when the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly will reconvene.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Facility Administrator for the General Assembly.